

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005.

Claims 21-24 and 26-32 are canceled, without prejudice to the Applicant, and claims 1-20 were previously canceled, without prejudice to the Applicant; as a result, claims 25 and 33-40 are now pending in this application.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 were objected to due to informalities. These objections are no longer relevant since these claims have been cancelled, without prejudice to the Applicant. Consequently, these objections should be withdrawn.

#### **§102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 21-24 and 26-32 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Macon, Jr. et al. (U.S. 5,600,817). These rejections are no longer appropriate in view of the fact that the Applicant has cancelled claims 21-24 and 26-32, without prejudice to the Applicant. Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 25 and 33-40 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication of allowance with respect to the above mentioned claims.

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Conclusion

There are no longer any rejections of record in view of the claim cancellations above because only allowed claims remain. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Joseph Mehrle at 513-942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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